

## Region VI RICC

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### ***Region VI RICC Meeting*** **South Central Human Service Center** **February 15, 2008**

Present:      Linda Heinrich                      Keith Gustafson  
                 Jane Van Ray                         Amanda Lausch  
                 Cindie Richman                         Rhoda Young  
                 Donene Feist                                Theresa Will  
                 Jolene Sjostrom

#### Report from Core Group

##### 1. Alignment of original Quality Improvement Plan with current QIP:

The following activities were added to our current Quality Improvement Plan. These are the items from our original QIP that were not complete:

- a. Explore alternative options for therapy services in rural areas.
- b. Explore with agencies/partners the understanding of Early Intervention philosophy.
- c. Explore the creation of brochure for parents regarding the eligibility process.
- d. Coordinate distribution of educational materials, including the developmental wheel.

##### 2. Transition Experienced Parent:

Rhoda reported that she has hired Lynn Walden as the Transition Experienced Parent for the Buffalo Valley catchment area. Lynn Walden has a child with Down Syndrome. They participated in the Infant Development program a number of years ago. It was questioned if the contract for Transition Experienced Parent project has been completed. The business office will be contacted.

##### 3. Early Childhood Special Education eligibility:

Keith distributed a letter he had composed regarding the discrepancies across the state in terms of eligibility criteria for Early Childhood Special Education. The policy brief states that the % of children whom received Early Intervention services, when they turn three years of age qualify for Part B Early Childhood Special Education services, varies from a low of 4% to a high of 17% within the state. Part of the policy brief includes a parent story taken from Family Voices. It was recommended a second page be added to provide clarification. The brief will be sent to the State ICC. Rhoda

moved and Theresa seconded that Keith create a policy brief regarding the related services issue. Keith will bring this document back to the RICC prior to distribution.

#### 4. Child Find:

Cindie reported that she and Tammy Hoggarth have worked collaboratively on Childfind efforts. Suggestions were provided regarding additional opportunities. The Crossroads Conference is scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Keith and Rhoda will submit a Childfind proposal for inclusion at the conference.

The next Region 6 RICC meeting will be: **MAY 19th, 2008 at 11:30 at the SCHSC.**  
**Mark your calendars now!**